

# SPRING YOUTH SPORTS



## Registration Deadline – February 4th, 2016

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Birthday Cut-Off</b>	<b>Fee (M/NM)</b>
<b>Instructional Soccer</b>	4-6	December 31, 2016	\$50/\$60
<b>Soccer</b>		December 31, 2016	\$75/\$95
U9 Boys	7-8		
U9 Girls	7-8		
U11 Boys	9-10		
U11 Girls	9-10		
U14 Boys	11-13		
U14 Girls	11-13		
<b>T-Ball</b>		December 31, 2015	\$50/\$60
TBall	3 & 4		
Sluggers	5 & 6		
<b>Baseball</b>			\$75/\$95
Coach Pitch	7 & 8	August 31, 2016	
Minors	9 & 10	9 yr old-August 31, 2016, 10 yr old- April 30, 2016	
Majors	11 - 12	April 30, 2016	
<b>Fast-Pitch Softball</b>		December 31, 2015	\$75/\$95
8U	6-7		
10U	8-9		
12U	10-11		
<b>Girls Volleyball</b>		September 1, 2015	\$75
11U	9-11		
14U	12-14		
<b>Boys Basketball</b>		September 1, 2015	\$75
12U	10-12		
15U	13-15		

For additional information, visit [www.fortmillsc.gov](http://www.fortmillsc.gov) under Parks and Recreation section or please call the Town of Fort Mill Athletic Department at (803) 547-2273

Register at the Recreation Complex on the Greenway

971 Tom Hall St Fort Mill, SC 29715

Or online at <http://www.ascgreenway.org/>

**WE CANNOT GURANTEE TO HONOR ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS**

**Refund Policy: Full refund minus the convenience fee prior to February 4<sup>th</sup>. Partial refund available (registration amount minus convenience fee and uniform cost) prior to February 15<sup>th</sup>. No refunds issued after February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Instructional Soccer**

Instructional soccer is offered every spring and fall to children who are league ages 4-6 (age as of December 31, 2016). This program is a great way to introduce your child to the game of soccer. Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of soccer (dribbling, kicking and passing). Practices and games will be held on either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:15 PM at the Complex soccer field, beginning week of March 7th. The season will run through Mid-May. The Town of Fort Mill will provide shirts and socks. Parents will be responsible for providing cleats, shin guards, shorts and mouthpieces.

## **Baseball**

Baseball is divided into four age groups: Coach Pitch (ages 7 & 8) Minors (ages 9 & 10), Majors (ages 11- 12) and Juniors (13-14.) The Minors division will be your child's first introduction to "kid pitch" baseball. This league is still developmental in nature, but more competitive than the previous leagues. Here, we still use a continuous batting order, but a baseball defense of only 10 players is used (4 outfielders). In the Majors division, your child will face much faster pitching, as well as, bigger and better hitters than what they experienced in the Minors. The Town of Fort Mill will provide participants with jersey, hat and socks. Families are responsible for pants, cleats and mouthpieces. We cannot guarantee where or when your child will practice.

## **T-Ball**

T-Ball for ages 3-6 (age as of May 1st of that school year). Games will be held in March through May. We will not play games during Spring Break. Games will be held at Leroy Springs Recreation Complex, Doby Bridge or Harris St Park on any day of the week except Sunday. Practices will be once a week. The Town of Fort Mill will provide participants with shirt and hat. We cannot guarantee where or when your child will practice.

## **Soccer**

In our U9 through U14 age groups, single-gender teams are formed. Teams typically practice two nights per week for an hour each session with games during the week and Saturdays. The games continue to grow in competition as the children get older. The Town of Fort Mill will provide participants with jersey and socks. Families are responsible for shorts, cleats, shin guards and mouthpieces. We cannot guarantee where or when your child will practice.

## **Boys Basketball**

Boys Basketball for ages 10-15 (age as of September 1st of that school year). Team practices will be held 1-2 times a week and times will vary with the younger children practicing earlier in the day/evening. Practices will be held at the Recreation Complex and Banks Street Gymnasium or various middle schools. We cannot guarantee where or when your child will practice. Practices will be held during the week with games being played on during the week or weekends. The season will typically last for 10 weeks. The Town of Fort Mill will supply the game jerseys. Parents must supply shorts and appropriate athletic shoes. We cannot guarantee where or when your child will practice.

## **Girls Volleyball**

Girls Volleyball is offered in the spring for girls in grades 3-5 or 6-8. This Practices will begin the week of March 9th. Team practices will be held twice a week prior to games and once per week once games begin; times and days may vary. Practices will be held at Banks Street Gym and Leroy Springs Complex. We cannot guarantee where or when your child will practice. The Town of Fort Mill will supply the game jerseys.

# LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL 2016

At the fall 2015 meeting of the Little League International Board of Directors, it was approved to **grandfather the four months of children born between May 1 and August 31, 2005, for the 2018 season, so that no child will lose their 12-year-old season of Little League Baseball.**

***Why the change?*** In 2011, Little League conducted very detailed participation research. As a result of that research, we learned that parents, players, and volunteers wanted to see Little League become, as a whole, a younger program, and give children an easier way to play Little League with their classmates. Since the research concluded, Little League revamped its Tee Ball program, established a Coach Pitch Program, and changed its residency requirements to allow children to play in the league where their school is located. Adjusting the Age Determination Date will help us achieve the goal of making Little League younger. And, making the date August 31, the same that many schools in many states use for student registration, allows Little Leaguers to play with their classmates.

This change will make the Little League Baseball Division, also known as the Major Division, truly a 12 and under program – ensuring that no child playing in the Little League/Major Division will turn 13 years old at any point during their final season in that division. The same will be true with the upper age limit at all teenage divisions of Little League Baseball.

***What's the difference?*** In 2014, Little League District Administrators initially voted to move the age determination date from April 30 to December 31, effective with the 2018 season. That was amended by District Administrators and the Little League International Board of Directors in August 2015, moving the date from December 31 to August 31. Effective November 2015, the implementation plan has been amended, grandfathering the four-months of children born between May 1 and August 31, 2005 as 12-year-olds for the 2018 season.

**For players born on or before April 30, 2005:** The new age determination date of August 31 will be effective starting with the 2018 Little League Baseball Season. For the 2016 and 2017 seasons, these players will use the April 30 age determination date.

**For players born between May 1, 2005 and August 31, 2005:** The new age determination date of August 31 will be effective starting with the 2019 Little League Baseball Season. For the 2016, 2017, 2018 season, these players will use the April 30 age determination date.

**For players born on or after September 1, 2005:** The August 31 age determination date will be effective immediately, starting with the 2016 season. This was the implementation used for the 2015 season, with players turning 4 to 9 years old during the 2015 calendar year to use the December 31 age determination date. That implementation remains in place, except instead of using December 31, you will use August 31.

## 2016 Little League Age Chart FOR BASEBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

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